

CLAIMS

1. A method for controlling a program-controlled water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance, especially a washing machine, comprising a program control device which controls a water supply and outlet device, a heating device and/or a drive device and which further controls the duration of a program section, the water level, the heating temperature, the driving speed and/or the duration of the drive control, characterised in that the program control device controls the water supply, discharge, water level, the driving speed and/or the duration of the drive control within at least one program section and/or the duration of at least one program section such that all components coming into contact with water during proper operation are wetted with water and/or cleaning solution in this program section.
2. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that the program control device recognises a switch-on of the domestic cleaning appliance and thereupon issues a prompt for carrying out a program for cleaning the components coming into contact with water during proper operation.
3. The method according to claim 2, characterised in that the program control device issues at least one prompt for an operating action and/or of information instructions.
4. The method according to claim 3, characterised in that the program control device issues an instruction as to the required dose of cleaning agent.
5. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the program for cleaning the components coming into contact with water during proper operation is carried out after the domestic cleaning appliance is switched on for the first time.
6. The method according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the cleaning of all the components coming into contact with water is carried with such a low water level that these components are only just wetted.

7. The method according to any one of the preceding claims in a washing machine, characterised in that the temperature in a wash program section is about 90 °C.
8. The method according to claim 7, characterised in that the driving speed for a laundry drum in wash and rinse program sections is selected so that the circumferential speed of the laundry drum is greater than 1.1 m/s.
9. The method according to any one of claims 7 or 8, characterised in that in wash and rinse program sections the laundry drum is operated in alternate directions of rotation and/or the duration of the drive control is greater than 65 %.
10. The method according to any one of claims 7 to 9, characterised in that the washing machine is emptied in the last program section and in this case the drive is not controlled.
11. A water-bearing domestic cleaning appliance, especially a washing machine, for carrying out the method according to any one of claims 1 to 10, characterised in that the program control device generates control signals for a water supply and outlet device, a heater and/or a drive device such that the water supply, discharge, water level, the temperature, the driving speed and/or the duration of the drive control within at least one program section and/or the duration of at least one program section are variable.